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STOCK MARKET DULL

SPECULATION CONTRACTED IN EX-
PECTATION OF BOND ISSUE.Price of the Bonds Expected to Justify
Stiff Premium for Gold—Local
Markets Firm.At New York, yesterday, money on call
ranged from 1/2 to 1/4 per cent. Last loan, 4
closed easy; offered at 4 1/2 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 7 per cent.

Sterling exchange was strong with actual
business in bankers' bills at \$189.45 for
demand, and \$187.64 for 30 days; posted rates,
\$188.50 for demand and \$186.90 for 30 days; com-
mercial bills, 4 1/2 per cent.Bar silver, 60 1/2; silver certificates, 67 1/2
6 1/2; Mexican dollars, 52 1/2. At London bar
silver was 30 1/2 per ounce.Total sales of stocks were 125,914 shares,
including the following: American Sugar,
3,500; American Tobacco, 5,200; Atchafalaya,
1,800; Burlington, 1,000; Chicago Gas, 12,400;
Distillers, 4,500; Louisville & Nashville, 9,000;
Rock Island, 4,300; St. Paul, 22,300; Southern
Railroad, 3,600; Western Union, 14,000.The first business day of the new year on
the New York Stock Exchange was not espe-
cially conspicuous in any particular, dullness
excepted, in common with the rest of the
other financial markets the stock specula-
tion was contracted by expectation of the
new government bond issue and by a mon-
etary condition that allows of the importation
and exportation of gold at the same time
and at a profit on either transaction.Of course, the market for the new bonds was
the most active, and the first of the new
premium now reported to be ruling on the
yellow metal are made profitable only on
account of the forthcoming bond issue. The
bonds, according to the general impression,
will be sold at so low a rate as to abund-
antly justify the payment of a stiff premium
for the gold to be received by the treasury
in exchange therefor. The market for
gold, though profitable at ruling figures,
would be unprofitable if the gold were
of the metal being sold in exchange
operations, it is reported as a commodity.
This is an unusual condition of affairs.
In the early dealings the market proved su-
perior to the receipt of disturbing news
from London, but the market was not
on the part of investors at that center,
owing to the ill-fated raid into the
Transvaal and the consequent specula-
tions to arise in consequence. The
prices of American securities were also re-
flected by the market for gold. The
New York market, however, prices at the outset
improved 1/2 per cent. in Tobacco, Northwest, Lake
Shore, Louisville and Nashville, Chicago Gas
and New Jersey Central, and fractions in
the other shares traded in. The dealings
were light, however, and the first half hour
dissatisfaction over the delay in
launching the government bond issue was
reflected in a two-fifths decline in the
gold, but the market recovered, and the
volume of business was extremely
light and but little of the gold was
values came to hand, except gossip regard-
ing the estimated amount of gold on the
way from Europe, and the market was
money market. It was reported that from
\$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 had been consigned,
in the aggregate, to the treasury, but
they would neither confirm nor deny the
statements made. It is understood that a
fairly active business was done in gold
premiums of 1/10 to 1/20 per cent. Money on call
was active at from 1/4 to 1/2 per cent. The
greater part of the day, however, was at
8 per cent. and the closing figure was at
8 1/2 per cent. The market for gold was
late in the day forced to back down, but
Tuesday's final figures, especially in the
ranger group, showed a decline of 1/2
and Western Union were particularly heav-
ily receding 2 and 1/2 per cent. respectively.
The closing was not very satisfactory in
prices general on the day.The same lack of animation at that noted
in stock exchange was also noted in the
market, but prices were generally well held.
The sales were \$1,100,000.Government bonds were firmer. State
bonds were inactive.The following table, prepared by James E.
Berry, Room 16, Bank of Trade, shows the
range of quotations:

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firm, steady prices is the characteristic.

Yesterday there were no changes of impor-
tance in the grain market, and the
holidays had not fairly passed off, but
there was a feeling that 1896 is to be a good
year for the grain market, and the
local grain market is slow. Receipts
are light with a good demand for wheat
at 1 1/2 per cent. The market for wheat
is in light request. Track bids yesterday
were as follows:Wheat—No. 1 white, 65c; No. 2 red, 60c; No. 3
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